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*There is come hither of late a considerable number of Protestants from* France, *who are received with great Kindness and Courtesie. The Lord-Lieutenant having proposed in Council That a Sum of Money might be given them for their present Relief, and having set the first example himself, according to his usual Generosity; the Lord Primate and Chancellor, and all the rest of the Council have Contributed likewise, and are resolved to make further Provision for them, as their numbers shall increase. An Order is likewise sent from the Lord-Lieutenant and Council, to the Lord Mayor of this City, to appoint some Trusty and Substantial Men to go from House to House, to gather Charitable Contributions for them. The Lord Mayor has also Granted the Freedom of the City to several of the said Protestants that are Artizans.*

*Strasbourg, November* 20. Four thousand men work dayly on the Cittadale, and the new Fortifications that are making at *Kjel*; and between *Molsheim* and *Dachstein*, the French are cleansing the River *Breasch*, so that Vessels may commodiously pass hither.

*Berlin, Nov.* 22. On the 17th Instant arrived here the Heer *d' Amerongen*, Envoye from the States-General of the *United Provinces*; On the 18th he had an Audience of the Elector, and the next day Commissioners were appointed to Treat with him. We are told that his Business is, to engage the Elector to enter in to the Treaty of Guaranty, lately concluded between the States and the King of *Sweden*. Yesterday we received Advice, that a Defensive Allyance is concluded between the Elector of *Saxony* and the House of *Lunenburg*.

*Hague, Dec.* 2. On the 25th past, the French Ambassador presented a Memorial to the States-General, wherein he says, That he had been much surprized to see in a News Letter, written by one *Schuitsler*, on the 21 past, the following Article. *The Count* d'Avaux, *Ambassador from* France, *gave yesterday a Memorial to the States-General, in which he excuses the sharpness of some Expressions in his former Memorial, and Declares himself satisfied with the Answer that was given him*; which being altogether false, the said Ambassador not having presented any Memorial to the States, since that on the 8th past, which was in the Terms he was Commanded by the King his Master to give it in; he Desires the said *Schuitsler* may be Chastised as he deserves, for Writing a thing so false, and so contrary to the Sentiments of the most Christian King.

On the 28th past the Count *d' Avaux* presented another Memorial to the States, wherein he acquaints them, That the King his Master being informed, that the Corsairs of *Argiers* had Declared War against his Subjects: he was resolved to put to Sea a very considerable Squadron to attack the said Corsairs, and to block up the Port of *Argiers*; and that his Majesty understanding that the Dutch Merchants did supply them with several Commodities for the use of their Ships, and with other Contraband-Goods, had Commanded his Men of War to hinder the Commerce of such Contraband-Goods, and to to seize all such Dutch Ships they shall meet, laden with them. There is much discourse of an Alliance between the Emperor, the Electors of *Brandenburg* and *Saxony*, the House of *Lunenburg*, &c. but without any certainty.

*Brussels, Nov.* 25. The Troops from *Gelderland*, under the Command of Monsieur *Farriau*, came hither three days agoe; the Horse was sent to *Audenard*, and one of the Regiments of Foot to *Malines*; the other continuing in Garrison here. From *Lille* they write, That the French Garrisons on that side are very full of Men, and from *Liege* they tell us, That the French had put Garrisons into the Town of *Verviers*, and the Castle of *Franchimont*, belonging to the Elector of *Cologne*, in pursuance of a Decree of the Chamber of *Metz*.

*Brussels, Nov.* 28. We have the Confirmation of the French having possessed themselves of *Verviers* and *Franchimont*, with this farther Account, that they have placed new Governors there, and obliged the Inhabitants to swear Allegiance to the French King; The Chamber of *Metz* has likewise Cited the four Parishes belonging to the City of *Liege*, to do Homage to their King; The Inhabitants have acquainted the Magistrates of *Liege* therewith; and we are expecting to hear their Resolutions upon it.

Yesterday arrived an Express sent by the Prince *de Chimay*, Governor of *Luxemburg*, to give the Prince of *Parma* an Account of an Action that had happened between some Troops of that Garrison and a party of French, in which several were killed on both sides, but most of the French, who were forced to retire, and to leave several of their Horses in the hands of the Spaniards, which they brought with them to *Luxemburg*; The occasion of this Rencounter, as we are informed, was this; A French Party having on the 15th or 16th Instant, come within two or three English miles of *Luxemburg*, and taken from thence about 20 Horses, belonging to the Guard that was kept there; the Prince *de Chimay* having notice of it, sent out a Party of Horse and Dragoons, to recover the said Horses, which they did, but soon after, about 100 French Horse came up with them, and Engaged them, with the success above-mentioned. We are now expecting to hear what is done at *Courtray*, we having Advice of Monsieur *Pelletiers* being on his return thither, to give in an Answer to the Paper of the Spanish Commissioners, concerning the French Kings Pretensions upon the Countrey of *Alost*.

*Brussels, Dec.* 2. It is most certain, that the French have possessed themselves of the Marquisate of *Franchimont*, by virtue of a Decree of the Chamber of *Metz*; and that they pretend to the four

Parishes,